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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-13, 20, and 21 are all of the claims presently pending in the application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-7, 10-13, 20, and 21 are allowed. While Applicants maintain that all of claims 1-7 and 10-21 are allowable, merely in an effort to speed prosecution and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 14-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that claims 14-19 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 10-13, 20, and 21, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicants requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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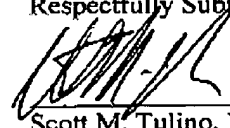
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